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Post-Mortem

USIB-M-653
1 November 1973

6. Cuba and Its Latin
American Relationship
(NIE 85-73)

Following a discussion and consideration of changes by Treasury and the Army, the Board approved the subject estimate as amended.

The Chairman and other members commented that it was a most useful estimate.

No Member raised objection to the release of the subject estimate to USIA.

7. Post Mortem on Arab-
Israeli Conflict
(USIB-D-15.2/120,
20 October 1973, Memorandum
for USIB Principals)

Having informed the USIB Principals of his request for the subject Post Mortem (reference), Mr. Colby advised that the Post Mortem was in process. He said that there were also some requests from Messrs. Kissinger and Clements on this subject and felt that the Post Mortem should be pursued as a community product rather than each agency working independently. In order to assist this process, the Chairman has requested that the Post Mortem be developed under the auspices of the D/DCI/IC with the assistance from the appropriate USIB member agencies.

He highlighted some of the on-going actions such as interviews and documentation of the indicators. Some of the problems that are being addressed include the general view held by the community on Arab-Israeli matters prior to 25 September as well as community performance during the crisis.

An initial report on the Post Mortem effort should be available by 1 December although a finished product will take much longer. USIB will be asked for comments on the report.

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